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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on February 17, 2017 at 2:45 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 27, 2/9/2017; SR 28, 2/9/2017; SR 37, 2/10/2017

Executive Action: SB 143 - Do Pass As Amended
SR 27 - Be Adopted
SR 28 - Be Adopted
SR 37 - Be Adopted
SB 206 - Do Pass As Amended

Comments: SB 271 - Additional Questions and Answers

00:00:01 Chair Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 143

00:00:59 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 143 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:01:35 Rachel Weiss, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:04:04 Chair Brown

00:04:18 Ms. Weiss, LSD

00:04:33 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts35a01)

Discussion:

00:04:53 Sen. Swandal

00:05:29 Chair Brown

00:05:36 Sen. Vance

00:06:01 Sen. Malek

00:06:11 Chair Brown

00:06:14 Sen. Malek

00:06:57 Sen. Swandal

00:07:08 Chair Brown

00:07:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting aye.

00:08:15 Chair Brown

00:08:26 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts35a02)

Discussion:

00:08:54 Ms. Weiss

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts35a03)

00:09:26 Chair Brown

00:10:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:10:31 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 143 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:11:13 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts35a04)

Discussion:

00:11:17 Sen. Malek
 00:12:01 Sen. Swandal
 00:12:41 Sen. Vance
 00:13:06 Sen. Malek
 00:15:30 Sen. Vance
 00:16:05 Sen. Malek
 00:16:35 Chair Brown
 00:16:55 Sen. Swandal
 00:17:09 Chair Brown
 00:17:12 Sen. Whitford

00:18:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting aye.

00:19:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED**. Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Kary, Sen. Malek, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Whitford voting aye.

EXHIBIT(sts35a05)

00:20:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Malek voting no.

00:22:09 Brief recess
 00:28:32 Reconvene

00:28:33 Chair Brown turned over the Chair to Vice Chair Kary.

00:28:37 Chair Kary

HEARING ON SR 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:49 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 27, Confirm Governor's appointees to boards of PERS and Veterans Affairs.

00:32:37 Chair Kary

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:53 Dore Schwinden, executive director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)
 00:34:28 Diane Fladmo, director of Research & Bargaining, retired program coordinator, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
 00:34:58 Major General Matt Quinn, adjutant general, Montana National Guard; director, Department of Military Affairs
 00:35:13 Joe Foster, division administrator, Montana Veterans Affairs; administrator, Board of Veterans Affairs

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:16 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SR 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:53 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 28, Confirm Governor appointee for Adjutant General, Department of Military Affairs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:37 Major General Matt Quinn, appointee, adjutant general, Department of Military Affairs

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(sts35a06)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:43:19 Joe Foster, division administrator, Montana Veterans Affairs; administrator, Board of Veterans Affairs

00:43:46 Denny Lenoir, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:25 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SR 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:28 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 37, Confirm Governor's appointees to the MT Facility Finance Authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:08 Adam Gill, executive director, Montana Facility Finance Authority (MFFA)

00:48:52 John Rogers, appointee, Montana Facility Finance Authority

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:30 Sen. Swandal
 00:50:38 Mr. Gill, MFFA
 00:51:00 Sen. Swandal
 00:51:02 Mr. Gill
 00:51:40 Sen. Brown
 00:51:54 Mr. Gill
 00:52:24 Sen. Swandal
 00:52:34 Mr. Gill

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:16 Sen. Brown
 00:54:04 Sen. Brown resumed as Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 27

00:54:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 27 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 28

00:54:58 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 28 BE ADOPTED**.

Discussion:

00:55:15 Sen. Whitford
 00:55:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 37

00:56:15 Sen. Malek
 00:56:54 Chair Brown
 00:57:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SR 37 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

SB 271: Additional Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:47 Chair Brown
 00:58:47 Major General Matt Quinn, adjutant general, Montana National Guard; director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
 01:01:32 Chair Brown
 01:04:41 Mr. Quinn, DMA

01:04:48 Joe Foster, division administrator, Montana Veterans Affairs; administrator,
Board of Veterans Affairs
01:05:37 Chair Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 206

01:06:12 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 206 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:06:52 Sen. Osmundson
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts35a07)

01:07:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 206 BE AMENDED.** Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:07:49 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 206 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:07:55 Chair Brown
01:08:36 Sen. Swandal
01:08:49 Sen. Smith
01:09:14 Chair Brown

01:09:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Business

01:09:49 Chair Brown
01:11:06 Sen. Smith
01:11:09 Sen. Vance
01:11:14 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:58 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts35aad.pdf](#))